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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY ALLOCATION OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAM

1. FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED BY SECSTATE 27 FEBRUARY:

2. QUOTE: FROM AGUINO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME.  
HAVE PLEASURE TO INFORM YOU THAT FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE SEVERAL MAJOR WFP DONORS NOW CONSIDERING  
SIZEABLE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS ONE OF WHICH LIKELY TO BE  
FORMALLY ANNOUNCED PRIOR TO OPENING OF 27TH SESSION. AS A RESULT  
TOTAL WFP RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT DURING 1975  
EXPECTED TO REACH OR EXCEED ONE MILLION TONS. TIMELY PROGRAMMING  
AND DEVELOPMENT THESE RESOURCES WILL IN CERTAIN RESPECTS REQUIRE  
COMMITTEE'S CONCURRENCE. IN ORDER ENABLE YOU CARRY OUT  
NECESSARY CONSULTATIONS AND PREPARE YOUR GOVERNMENTS POSITION I  
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AM SUMMARIZING BELOW MAJOR PROPOSALS FOR WHICH MORE DETAILED

PAPERS PRESENTLY BEING PRINTED BUT UNLIKELY TO REACH YOU MUCH BEFORE OPENING OF SESSION:

A. INCREASE IN 1975 EMERGENCY ALLOCATION.

AS OF END JANUARY UNCOVERED FOOD IMPORT DEFICITS OF MSA COUNTRIES STILL ESTIMATED AT 4.8 MILLION TONS. EVEN IN PAST YEARS WFP EMERGENCY RESOURCES SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW LEVEL OF REQUEST, BUT IN VIEW ABOVE DEFICIT GOVERNMENTS CAPACITY RESPOND TO ANY UNFORESEEN CROP FAILURE OR OTHER DISASTER LIKELY TO BE FURTHER REDUCED AND REQUEST FOR WFP EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE LIKELY TO BE CORRESPONDINGLY HIGHER THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS WHICH IS CONFIRMED BY VOLUME OF REQUESTS SO FAR RECEIVED. PRESENT ALLOCATION FOR 1975 AGREED BY COMMITTEE 26TH SESSION AT 15 MILLION DOLLARS ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS AMOUNT COULD BE FURTHER INCREASED IF CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD SO REQUIRE. (REFERENCE: REPORT 26TH SESSION DOCUMENT WFP/IGC: 26/25 PAPA. 23). WITHOUT PREJUDGING PRINCIPLE OF PROPORTIONAL SHARE WFP RESOURCES FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

AGAINST DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND EVENTUAL AMENDMENT RULE NO. 6 WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED BY COMMITTEE AT FORTHCOMING SESSION AGENDA ITEM 6, I EXPECT THAT LEVEL OF EMERGENCY RESOURCES WILL PROBABLY NOT BE FIXED LOWER THAN 10 PERCENT OF TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES WHICH DURING 1975 WOULD REPRESENT ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND TONS OF FOOD AT TOTAL COST INCLUDING OCEAN FREIGHT INTERNAL TRANSPORT ETC OF APPROX. US DOLLARS 40 MILLION. IN CONSULTATION WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL FAO I SHALL THEREFORE PROPOSE FURTHER AD HOC INCREASE IN 1975 EMERGENCY ALLOCATION OF US DOLLARS 25 MILLION TO TOTAL OF 40 MILLION.

B. QUICK ACTION PROJECTS FOR MSA COUNTRIESAM

I INTEND TO PROGRAMME ADDITIONAL RESOURCES WITH PRIORITY FOR LDC AND MSA COUNTRIES. PROJECTS WILL, DURING 1975 AND UNTIL RECIPIENT GOVERNMENTS HAVE HAD TIME TO PROGRAMME LONGER TERM DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, BE DESIGNED TO MEET SHORT TERM FOOD NEEDS OF LARGE GROUPS OF MOST AFFECTED BENEFICIARIES, I.E., PRIMARILY BASIC FOOD-FOR-WORK AND VULNERABLE GROUPS FEEDING SCHEMES WHICH ARE TECHNICALLY SIMPLE AND POSE NO DANGER OF MARKET DISPLACEMENT AND FOR WHICH QUICK ACTION PROCEDURE THEREFORE PARTICULARLY

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APPROPRIATE. MISSIONS PRESENTLY UNDER WAY OR COMPLETED TO BANGLADESH, INDIA, PAKISTAN AND SRI LANKA WHICH TOGETHER ACCOUNT FOR OVER TWO-THIRDS OF ABOVE FOOD DEFICIT, AND SEVERAL LARGE SCALE PROJECTS THESE FOUR COUNTRIES BEING FINALIZED FOR APPROVAL BY THE COMMITTEE. DETAILED PROJECT DOCUMENTS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO YOU AT THE SESSION OR SHORTLY BEFORE AND THIS MESSAGE MERELY INTENDED AS ADVANCE NOTICE OF APPROACH CHOSEN. REGARDS, AQUINO WORLD FOOD ROME. END QUOTE.

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